

## MEMO

To: City Council

Date: October 6, 2015

From: Tex Bradford

Re: PW Semi Annual Report

Fleet Department: Fred Stewart who up until recently was our Parts Manager recently resigned to move on to another opportunity. Fred did a fine job for us and we wish Fred success in him and his family's new relocation. Advertisements have been published for the position. Part of the parts manager's responsibilities is to assist with the electronic recycling program and to assist with answering PW phones when Lisa is either on another line, out of the office for various reasons such as vacation and etc. As all of our PW personnel, including supervisors and myself, are out of the offices and are on site at construction projects. As results we are lacking at times in having available personnel to answer PW phones. When we fill the Parts Manager position I expect that we should have improved service for phone calls. If you have issues at any time please call my direct number 970-641-8322. If I am not available when you call please leave a message as I check messages often and will return your call. You can also call my cell at 970-209-0363 if you wish. The two remaining fleet personnel are performing normal maintenance which is normally full time. Pat and Preston are beginning to prepare vehicles and equipment for winter operations which in part is checking out snow plowing and snow removal equipment.

Water: Water crews continue to repair water leaks as they are discovered and have patched the street cuts for all but two recent leak repairs. We expect to have these patched in the near future. Irrigation ditch water head gates were closed down Monday October 5<sup>th</sup>. We advertised the closure date prior to shutting down the head gates. Crews continue to rehabilitate and perform maintenance at our city potable wells and well houses.

WWTP/Sewer Collection: This year's planned sewer slip line contractor is to be here soon to prepare for slip lining. City customers are to be notified in advance of the actual lining so that they are aware of what the process is and how it may affect them. Sewer Manhole rehabilitation has been completed for the year. These two processes reduce I&I (Infiltration/Inflow which is primarily Ground Water Infiltration) that reaches the WWTP and is treated along with sewage. Asphalt repairs/replacement is currently being readied for areas at the pad where compost operations occur and is expected to be complete in the near future for this year's planned replacement. This process is ongoing and a yearly budget item. One of the large clarifier motors failed and has been removed for repairs. It is currently in Grand Junction for assessment and we await the results. Bottom line is that it must be operable.

**Electric:** The electric crew advertisements for a lineman have not netted much interest and it has been well over a month for the ads. We have had two or three contacts from interested parties who are attending a lineman training school who have no experience to date. One individual from Texas with some experience made an enquiry and then we heard no more from him. The crew has been replacing some very old underground primary electric cable near Shavano Drive where a section recently failed. This area is where Fairway Condos are located near what used to be the Trough. This year rotten pole replacement contractor has completed the contract. Poles are tested by a qualified company with ratings as to the condition. The poorest rating poles are replaced yearly as budget allows.

**Ranch:** The ranch is operating smoothly it seems and the ranch house was recently power washed and the siding, fascia, and trim were stained. The wood was pretty dry and we plan to have another coat of stain applied next spring or early summer. The current lease for the ranch land will be up for renewal early next year. Staff has been discussing the renewal prospect with the current rancher and will provide council with a proposal for renewing the lease early next year.

**Trails:** Trails maintenance is ongoing and construction of the trail extension crossing East Hwy. 50 has begun. We are working thru the details for portions of the trail in the area with Dick Bratton and Gunnison Rising. The two faulted restrooms that are part of the overall project are on order and are to be installed in October. The Army Core of Engineers told Steve Westbay that the permit to improve and extend the trail at the Ranch down the DOW path to the river had been mailed. When we receive the permit we will see if we can begin the improvements for that section this year.

**Streets:** Streets crews keeping up with maintenance and just completed grinding 44 tree stumps where trees have been removed over time. We have to rent a grinder from Grand Junction therefore we typically wait until we have a weeks' worth of grinding before we schedule the rental as weekly rentals are considerably less than hourly are daily. We also have to have an employee and truck go to Junction to pick up and then return the rented grinder. Crews are replacing some sidewalk sections where trees have been removed and etc. Crews are grinding some trip edges on sidewalks to smooth the transition areas as time permits. Street Sweeping continues and will become more demanding as the leaves are beginning to fall and collect. The tree dump schedule continues to be Tuesday thru Saturday from 9:00 AM until 3:00PM. Weather permitting we plan to keep the dump open during these hours until thru Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Refuse:** Operations continue with an occasional hiccup as when one of the two regular drivers takes off for vacation and etc. a not so regular driver fills in and may miss a few things on occasion. We recently had an equipment failure of our newest two sided pick up refuse truck which had to be towed to Grand Junction for repairs and was out of service for a week. Our guys were scrambling for a few days and the truck is now back in service so hopefully thing will smooth out.

If you have questions or comments please let me know and I will try to address them.